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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECOSOC, UN, EGEN, EINV

SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

1. AT G-77 WORKING GROUP MEETING MONDAY, IRAN SUGGESTED G-77 SHOULD FOCUS ON US PROPOSAL FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS CONVENTION. GROUP DECIDED TO DISCUSS ISSUE TUESDAY MORNING, AND POSSIBLY TO CREATE VERY SMALL GROUP (6-8 DELEGATIONS) TO ATTEMPT TO FIND A G-77 POSITION. IN BRIEF PRELIMINARY REMARKS, ALGERIA, NIGERIA AND MEXICO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER CALLING A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AT THIS MOMENT.

IRANIAN (MEDHI EHSASSI, DIRECTOR OF IO, MFA, AND SECOND IN COMMAND IN IRAN DEL) PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO USDEL PESSIMISM ABOUT CHANCES OF NEGOTIATING A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE (ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO FINISH ITS WORK BY COB THURSDAY, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT).

2. NO DELEGATIONS EXCEPT IRAN SPOKE FAVORABLE IN MONDAY MEETING. USDEL HAS PRESSED THOSE DELS WHICH SUPPORT US PROPOSAL (BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, MEXICO) TO SPEAK OUT AT TUESDAY MEETING, ESPECIALLY ON POINT THAT PROGRESS ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT CAN HELP CODE OF CONDUCT. ARGENTINE INDICATED HE WOULD TRY, BUT THAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF G-77 POSITION, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT NO ELEMENT OF CODE ETC. SHOULD MOVE AHEAD OF THE REST.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WELLS, BARCELO (MEXICO) INDICATED THAT (1) HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT TOO EARLY TO CALL A CONFERENCE, AND (2) GOM OFFICIAL POSITION IS THAT ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT MUST MOVE TOGETHER.

4. JAMAICAN DEL HAS ALSO INDICATED TO USDEL ITS OPPOSITION TO ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT MOVING AHEAD OF CODE OF CONDUCT.

5. USDEL WILL AWAIT OUTCOME OF G-77 MEETING OR MEETINGS TUESDAY IN HOPE THAT G-77 WILL TAKE A POSITION ON US PROPOSAL. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTION ON US RESOLUTION.

6. CANADIAN AND DUTCH DELS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY SUPPORT PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND MIGHT WISH TO SPEAK FOR IT. ISSUE COMES UP ON ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AGENDA TUESDAY 4:30 P.M. USDEL INTENDS TO SPEAK EARLY AND ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO SUBMIT DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. RESOLUTION CAN BE TABLED AND CIRCULATED LATER. USDEL HAS NOT YET CIRCULATED REVISED DRAFT, BUT HAS INDICATED THAT PARA 1 OF OLD TEXT WILL BE DROPPED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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